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SUBJECT: URENCO FUEL FOR BRAZIL: DUTCH DELAY

REF: THE HAGUE 1492

1. DUTCH CABINET CRISIS HAS CREATED SITUATION IN WHICH GON PROBABLY CANNOT TAKE DECISION SOON TO GO AHEAD WITH ENLARGEMENT OF ALMELO CENTRIFUGE FACILITY.
 2. ONLY IN HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENT OF FORMATION OF NEW CABINET PRIOR TO MAY 25 ELECTIONS WOULD THERE BE A CHANCE OF DECIDING THIS ISSUE. IT IS FAR MORE LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT CARETAKER GOVERNMENT WILL BE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO DEFER ACTION UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED AFTER THE ELECTIONS.
 3. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS NOT UNWELCOME, PARTICULARLY TO LEADING SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH UNTIL NOW HAD FELT ITSELF IMPALED ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA: ON THE ONE SIDE, THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES IN KEEPING DUTCH INDUSTRY INVOLVED IN A LEADING
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TECHNOLOGY AND IN A PROJECT EXPECTED TO PRODUCE EXPORT POSSIBILITIES AND JOBS; ON THE OTHER SIDE, RAPIDLY GROWING INDICATIONS OF PUBLIC DISAFFECTION WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMS. WITHIN HOURS AFTER THE FALL OF THE CABINET, SOCIALIST FLOOR LEADER VAN THIJN, NOTING MARKED LACK OF ENTHUSIASM AMONG LABOR SUPPORTERS FOR ALMELO, INDICATED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION IT WAS A GOOD THING CABINET CRISIS HAD TAKEN GON OFF THE HOOK.

4. COMMENT: THIS TURN OF EVENTS WOULD APPEAR TO FACILITATE
POSSIBILITY THAT DUTCH WOULD GO ALONG WITH EFFORTS LATER THIS
WEEK IN ROME TO SEEK FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF COMMITMENT OT
URENCO FUELING OF FRG REACTORS IN BRAZIL (STATE 62950).
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